



# HCBS Rent Subsidy Program

**Economic Development  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
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# Purpose

- Assist lowans who wish to remain in their home (avoid entering an institution)
- Provide assistance to lowans exiting an institution (Money Follows the Person)
- Facilitate access to affordable, community-based housing for persons with disabilities, advancing Olmstead principles and DHS State Olmstead Plan for Mental Health and Disability Services goals

# Program Saves the State Money

Compare Average Annual per-person cost: (This data only includes waiver and facility costs; it does not include medical costs.)

- **\$25,129** *Medicaid HCBS waiver-funded supportive services to an applicant with disabilities to live in community-based housing, such as tenants assisted through the HCBS Rent Subsidy program*
- **\$49,873**: *nursing facility*
- **\$86,618**: *hospital-based facility*
- **\$147,351**: *intermediate care facility for those with intellectual disabilities*

# Eligible Recipients

Persons who meet the requirements for the nursing facility level of care for home and community-based waiver services as in effect on July 1, 2015, and to those individuals who are eligible for the federal Money Follows the Person grant program under the medical assistance program.  
(2015 Acts, Ch. 136)

# HCBS Waiver Participants Approved

- Aids/HIV - 24
- Brain Injury - 1,213
- Children's Mental Health - 672
- Elderly - 7,884
- Health and Disability – 1,939
- Intellectual Disability - 12,254
- Physical Disability - 657
- Total as of December 3, 2015 = 24,643

# Recipients

- Received HCBS Waiver – DHS
- Has applied for a Section 8 voucher or has been determined ineligible for voucher
- Is unable to receive any other rental assistance
- Require income verification and copy of the lease

# Subsidy Calculation

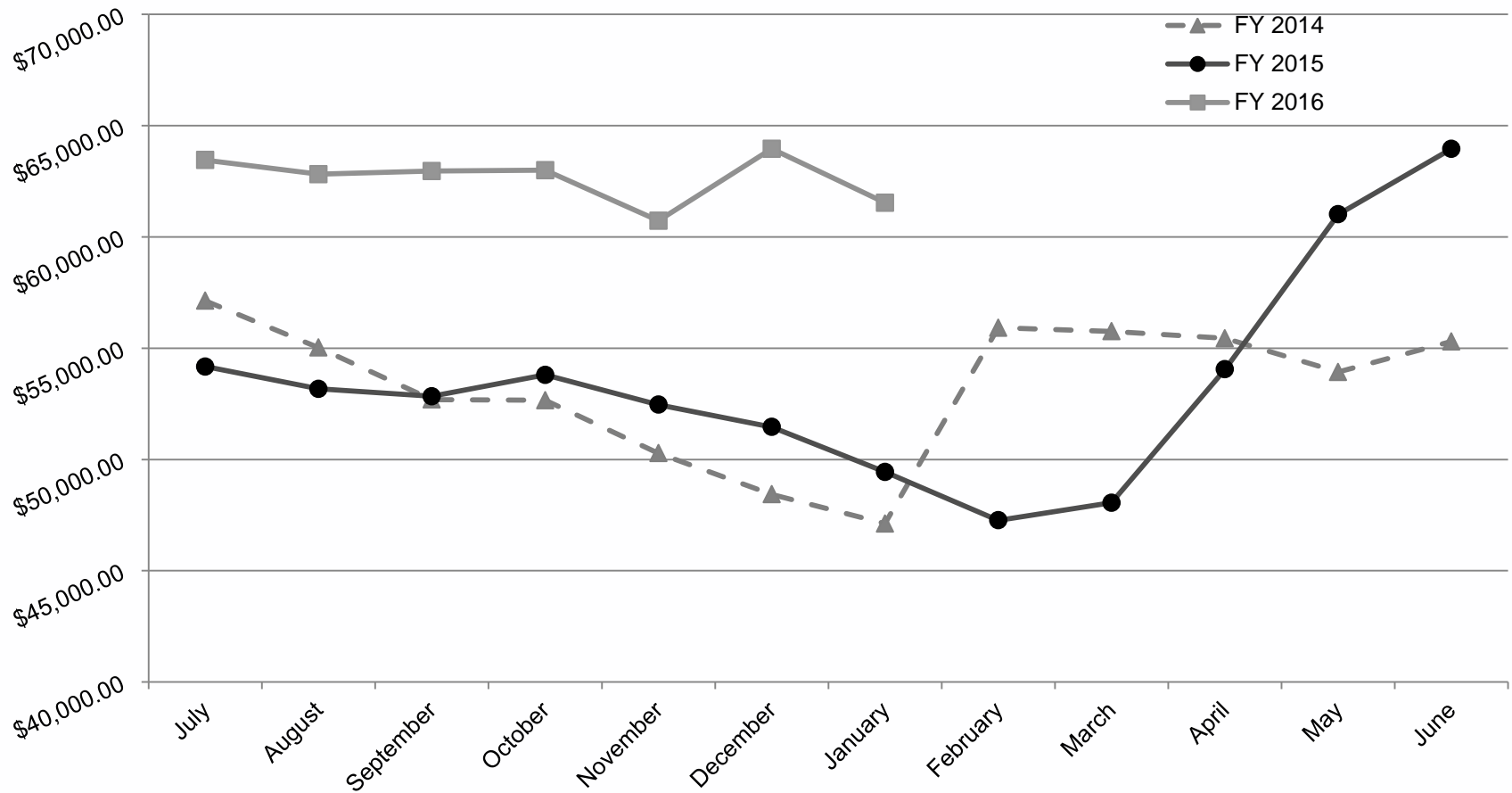
- Fair Market Rent (FMR) or actual rent whichever's less for bedroom type = 1 bedroom in Des Moines \$682
- Monthly Income of the Individual = \$733  
SSI Multiplied by 30% = \$219.90
- FMR – 30% of Income = Rent Subsidy per month
- \$682.00 – \$219.90 = \$462.10

# Appropriations

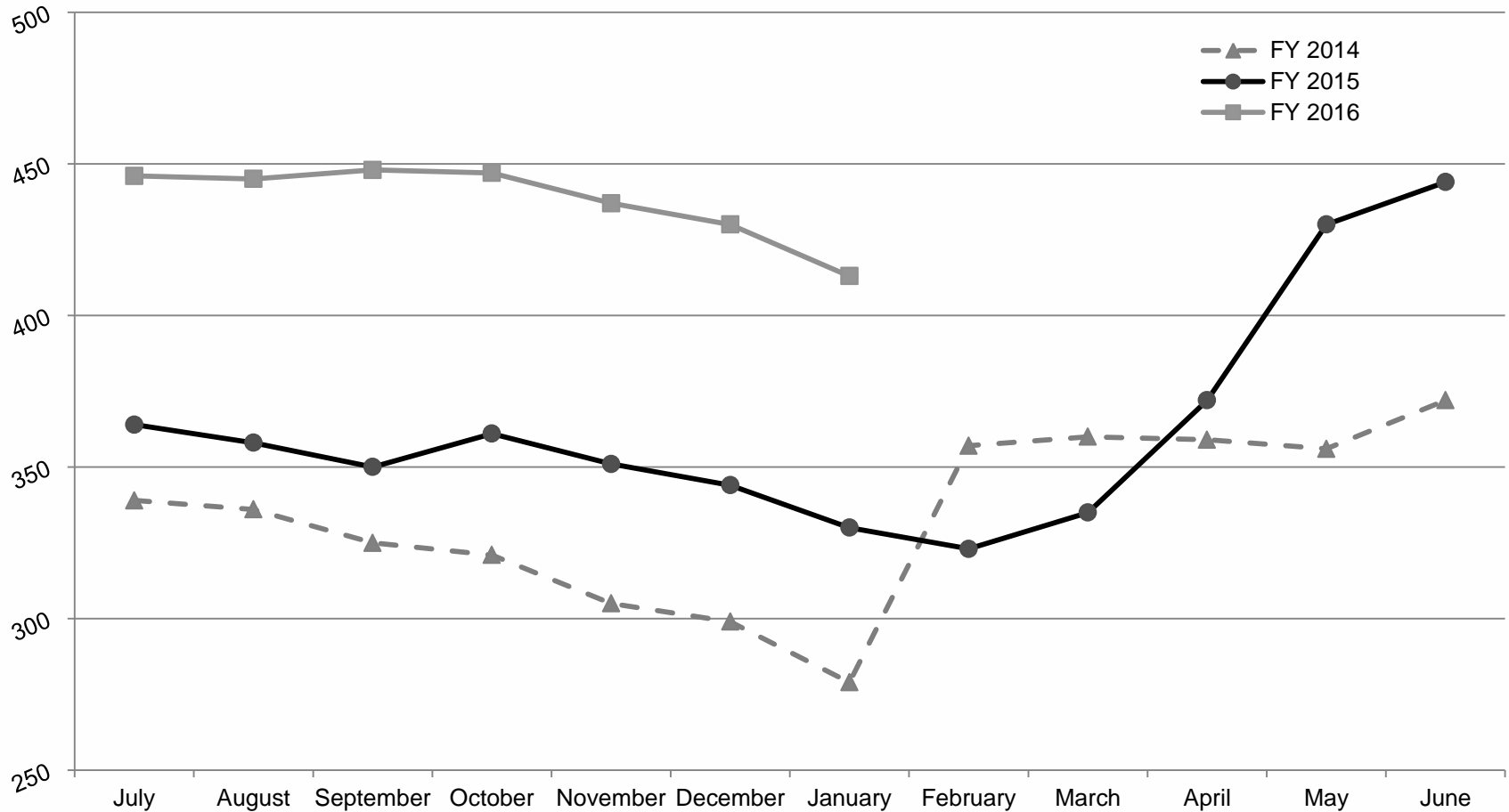
- Appropriations
  - FY 2011 - \$700,000 – Senior Living Trust Fund
  - FY 2012 - \$658,000 – General Fund
  - FY 2013 - \$658,000 – General Fund
  - FY 2014 - \$658,000 – General Fund
  - FY 2015 - \$658,000 – General Fund
  - FY 2016 - \$658,000 – General Fund
  - Of the appropriation IFA may use up to \$35,000 for administration



# Monthly Payments



# Number of Individuals Per Month



# Averages

## Average Number of Individuals on the Program Per Month:

- FY 2014 – 315
- FY 2015 – 364
- FY 2016 to date – 438
- FY 2015 Average Monthly Payment - \$146.75 (varies widely)

Thank you!

Questions

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